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Preface

The first International Symposium on Algorithms was held in Tokyo in 1990 and the second one in Taipei in 1991. The title was changed to International Symposium on Algorithms and Computation in 1992 when it was held in Nagoya. The papers in this volume were presented at the fourth symposium in Hong Kong during December 15-17, 1993. The job of the Program Committee was quite challenging in that it had to sieve nearly 200 papers! The international nature of the symposium is apparent not only from the composition of the Program Committee but also in the number of countries represented in the papers received (some 26). We are grateful to all those who submitted papers for consideration and to the Program Committee members who helped in the evaluation of these many papers. Three eminent invited speakers, Prof. Allan Borodin of the University of Toronto, Prof. Tom Leighton of MIT, and Dr. Mihalis Yannakakis of AT&T, have contributed to these proceedings. We are grateful to them. We hope that the international research community will benefit significantly from these proceedings and we are grateful to Springer-Verlag for undertaking to publish them. We are grateful to several sponsors who made this symposium financially viable, and to the IEEE Computer Society for cooperation.

We, the Organizing Committee, the Program Committee Co-chairs, and the Symposium Co-chairs, have worked hard to provide for a quality symposium and quality proceedings. The selected papers were chosen on the basis of originality and relevance to the field of algorithms and computation. The selections were based on extended abstracts, which represent a preliminary report of ongoing research. It is anticipated that many of these reports will appear in more polished and complete form in recognized scientific journals.

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